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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT

Recommendations Contained in DD/S&T 4827-66,

dated 29 September 1966

Re recommendation No. 7a: I believe something is being done about this. Because of the various reviews and systems which are now in being, I think our activities over the last two years have moved considerably from the fourth quarter into the second or third. Part of the problem (which PD refuses to recognize) lies with the old bugaboo - appropriations and ability to commit money early in the fiscal year.

Re recommendation No. 7b (Competition): Although I agree there should be more competition for government contracts generally, I'm not too convinced that it is in the best interests of the Government if you apply strict competitive procedures for our comparatively small contracts. The competition could, in such cases, be costly too. I think it would be sufficient for many of our small cases to have consideration of other sources in lieu of actual bid solicitation.

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Re recommendation No. 7c: I think this is just fine if Market invites us.

Re recommendation No. 7d: I concur wholeheartedly.

Re recommendation No. 7e: I agree with the recommendation. Toward this objective, as you know, I'm trying to tie us into the DOD and NASA Computerized Contractor Evaluation. DC/PD is checking this one out for me.

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